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SUMMARY RECORD OF QUADRIPARTITE WORKING GROUP
ON GERMANY INCLUDING BERLIN
MEETINGS 17, 18, 19, AND 20
APRIL 16, 19, 20 AND 21, 1959

The meetings of the Working Group following the Foreign Ministers' Meeting April 12-14, were devoted to carrying out the assignments given the Group by the Foreign Ministers, i.e.:

- (a) A draft proposal containing possible improvements to the Western proposals on Berlin of July 28, 1959 made in Geneva.
- (b) A draft directive for possible use at the summit to remand the task of further negotiation to a subordinate group.
- (c) A paper on essential conditions of an arrangement for Berlin which could serve as a talking paper for making these points to the Soviets.
- (d) A simplified version of Solution "C" of the April 1959 London Working Group Report suggesting a series of independent, but interlocking declarations on Berlin access.
- (e) A revised draft of a possible proposal for an all-Berlin agreement.

It was agreed that (a) above was submitted for possible tactical use at the summit and that it should not be considered as changing the July 28, 1959 proposals.

There was considerable discussion of the desirability of including a requirement for subsequent negotiations on German reunification in the draft proposal of an all-Berlin solution; Mr. Kohler (U. S.) and Lord Hood (U. K.) pointed out that inclusion of this requirement could deprive the all-Berlin proposal of most of its public relations value. Mr. Pauls (Federal Republic) said he could not agree to a change in the present text which included the requirement. The matter was left to be resolved at the meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Istanbul.

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In the 20th meeting, Mr. Kohler transmitted to the representatives of the U. K., France, and the Federal Republic a paper containing General Norstad's views on a European inspection zone proposal which could be advanced to the Soviets. Mr. Kohler noted that the paper contained the views of General Norstad himself and did not reflect the official position of the U. S. Government which in fact had not as yet taken any position on the proposal. Mr. Kohler noted that the proposal covered a complicated subject and that the governments would want to give it careful study before making their reactions known. He suggested that the Norstad paper could be discussed by an informal working group on the fringes of the Istanbul meeting and then perhaps by the Foreign Ministers. In any event, it would probably be necessary to refer the question to the Foreign Ministers in the long run.

Mr. Kohler also transmitted a draft U. S. paper on over-all Western tactics at the summit. He emphasized that the paper was also not an official U. S. paper but was merely intended to provide the basis for discussion by an informal group at Istanbul; a reworked draft might be presented to the Foreign Ministers or heads of government at a later time.

The group concluded its work with the approval of a supplementary report to the Foreign Ministers including the texts of the papers listed (in a - e) above.

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